

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of 08/968,685, filed on November 12, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,214,981, which is a Continuation-in-Part of 08/642,712 and claims benefit of this earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120, ~~the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference to the extent allowed by law.~~